

who directed the case, whilst I would have only dealt with any secondary disclosure matters once the case was at the Crown Court. However, because the *R v Hobson* case was a common law case, I would have dealt with all the disclosure arising after committal.

6. Mr Hobson was represented by Richard Monteith, solicitor, and there was some correspondence between the two of us relating to various aspects of the case.
7. On 25 February 1998, my office received a letter from Richard Monteith (28230) in which he says that he had previously met with the Assistant Director, Mr Kitson, with whom he had discussed the tape recorded interviews of his client. Mr Monteith made the argument that a substantial portion of the tape recordings should be removed, because they refer to the evidence of two witnesses who do not feature in either the Preliminary Enquiry papers or the disclosed documents. I understand this was referring to Witness A and Witness B, who I now know to be Tracey Clarke and Timothy Jameson, respectively.
8. On 12 August 1998, Mr Monteith wrote again to my office (31541) stating it was apparent that a considerable volume of material relating to Crown witnesses and Police Officers had not been disclosed to his team, and requesting that this be done forthwith. I replied on 17 August 1998 (51540) informing Mr Monteith that, should he wish to inspect the unused material, the officer-in-charge, Detective Inspector Irwin, would be able to assist. This was normal procedure; the defence solicitor would have the opportunity to inspect the unused material and would get back to us with any material he considered should be copied to him.
9. On 15 September 1998, Mr Monteith wrote to my office (31536) informing us that he had, in the absence of Detective Inspector Irwin, met with Detective Sergeant Bradley in order to go through the unused material, however he was still awaiting certain documents to be disclosed to him, in particular the statements of Tracey Clarke and Timothy Jameson.
10. At the same time as the case against his client, there was a public complaint of neglect of duty against Constable Neill and Reserve Constable Atkinson made by